



Telecom Order CRTC 2011-787

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CoopTel – Introduction of support structure service and related agreement

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1. The Commission received an application by CoopTel, dated 31 August 2011 and amended on 18 October 2011, in which the company proposed to introduce General Tariff Section 5.3 – Support Structure Service. As part of its application, on 1 November 2011, CoopTel submitted its proposed support structure agreement (SSA).
2. The Commission received comments about the proposed tariff section from Bell Canada, as well as joint comments from Bragg Communications Inc., operating as EastLink; Cogeco Cable Inc.; Rogers Communications Partnership; Shaw Communications Inc.; and Quebecor Media Inc., on behalf of its affiliate Videotron G.P. The public record of this proceeding is available on the Commission's website at www.crtc.gc.ca under "Public Proceedings" or by using the file numbers provided above.
3. The Commission notes that in Decision 2001-756, it assigned the above-mentioned service to the fourth capped services basket. In that decision, the Commission concluded that rates for services assigned to this basket will generally be permitted to increase up to any already approved rate for the same service. The Commission reaffirmed this determination in Telecom Decision 2006-14 and Telecom Regulatory Policy 2009-788.
4. Regarding the proposed tariff section, the Commission notes that CoopTel proposed to use the same terms and conditions of service as those currently in effect for Sogetel inc.'s (Sogetel) equivalent service. The Commission also notes that CoopTel proposed to apply fees for research, preparatory work, and inspection that are not included in Sogetel's tariff but that have been approved for Bell Canada.
5. Regarding the proposed SSA, the Commission notes that it is based on the conditions of the SSA that is currently in effect for Sogetel and that it reflects CoopTel's proposed tariff conditions.
6. The Commission notes that a proceeding related to tariff revisions concerning Bell Canada's support structures is currently underway. The Commission also notes that the determinations it will make in that proceeding could affect the conditions CoopTel is proposing in its tariff and its SSA. However, since these conditions are currently in effect for other incumbent local exchange carriers, the Commission

considers that it would be reasonable to approve, on an interim basis, the implementation of CoopTel's proposed tariff and SSA.

7. In light of the above, the Commission **approves on interim basis** CoopTel's proposed tariff and SSA, as of the date of this order. The Commission will address any other issues related to CoopTel's application in a subsequent order.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Regulatory framework for the small incumbent local exchange carriers*, Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2009-788, 17 December 2009
- *Revised regulatory framework for the small incumbent local exchange carriers*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2006-14, 29 March 2006
- *Regulatory framework for the small incumbent telephone companies*, Decision CRTC 2001-756, 14 December 2001